

# Integrating Security into Large System Acquisitions



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# Agenda

- Welcome
- About the NIAP
- Introduction
  - Some context for today's topic
  - Agenda for the rest of the day

# NIAP Goal

- The long-term goal of NIAP is to offer services and methods to increase the level of trust consumers have in their systems and networks
  - products
  - systems
  - people
  - processes



## **Security Requirement Specification**

**Evolution of Common Criteria (CC)**  
**Security Requirement Forums**  
Healthcare  
Insurance  
Audit  
Smart Card  
Cryptographic Module (FIPS 140)

## **Testing and Evaluation**

**CC Evaluation and Validation Scheme**  
  
**Uses Common Criteria**  
Security Targets  
Protection Profiles

## **Information Assurance Research/Development**

**CC Toolbox**  
**Certification/Accreditation**  
**IA In Acquisition**

# **Today's Topic: Security in the Acquisition Process**

- **The Perceived Problem**

Security Community and Acquisition Community are different communities, each with their own processes and languages

- **Result**

Acquired systems where security properties of the system have not been considered as an integral part of the acquisition process resulting in risky implementations

# Security in the Acquisition Process (cont)

- **A Proposed Solution**

A method to integrate security engineering principles into the acquisition process in a manner that allows stake holders to make intelligent risk management decisions not only during the course of the acquisition cycle but as part of the full development life cycle

# The rest of the day.....

- 10:00-10:45

The Proposal – Ms. Deb Bodeau, MITRE

- 11:00-11:30

The Proposal in the Context of :

- System Engineering Acquisition Policy and Standards – Rob Simmons, MITRE
- Certification/Accreditation – Dr. Ron Ross, NIAP

# The rest of the day (cont)...

- 11:30-12:15
  - Experience thus far in application
  - The FAA Experience: Dr. Marshall Abrams, MITRE and Mr. Joe Veoni, MITRE
- 1:30-3:15
  - Break Out Sessions
    - Objective: Get your ideas and feedback



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# Feedback/Discussion: Breakout Sessions – 1:30-3:15

- Composition/Decomposition – Rm: A  
Facilitator: Deb Bodeau
- Specification and Process – Rm: D  
Facilitator: Kris Britton
- Procurement Alternatives – Rm: C  
Facilitator: Marshall Abrams
- Certification/Accreditation – Rm: Green  
Facilitator: Arnold Johnson

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# Next Steps

- Solicit “Pilot Applications” of the Methodology

# Next Steps (cont)

- NIAP Steering Group Establishment
  - Charter
    - Consider your feedback
      - Send comments/questions to:  
[isa\\_steer@nist.gov](mailto:isa_steer@nist.gov)
  - Aid “pilot applications” in the use of the methodology
  - Create Federal Guidance on incorporating security into the acquisition process

# Specifications Process In Large Systems

- Should the System PP's be Verified / Validated?
  - Yes, but not NIAP -
- What Role do NIAP PP's play in the system PP?
  - Developers want product evaluation – once – applies against all PP's
- How do we ensure that the proposal address the system PP?
  - Include evaluation criteria
- How do we evaluate contractor evidence that a system meets PP requirements?
  - OT&E, Field trials, double-edge-sword

# COMMENTS:

- Evaluate products they play a role in the SSP
- Requirements engineering – lags the SPP
- How much of the FAA SPP can be applied against other organizations (e.g. DoD)
- Tie validated products to proposal – currently don't
- The ssp supports the integrator, plays less of a role wrt product developer
- Granularity – single NAS SSP or subsets. One SSP drives to highest common denominator (expensive)

# Continued

- SSPT should be released with the enterprise architecture
- Take elemental PP and use them to design SSP's
- Merge Security Admin CONNOP with the SSP – early
- SSP's are beneficial – but must have a way to modify it easily because requirements change.
- 'Vulnerabilities shall not be introduced into the system'; the process to detect vulnerabilities must be specified (e.g. detailed architecture)
- System engineer must participate in requirements writing